

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES - Revenue Department - Smt. R. Veenasundari, Tahsildar, Pinapaka Mandal, Khammam District - Committed certain irregularities in release of SGRY rice without requisition and caused loss - Departmental proceedings - Punishment imposed - Set-aside by the Andhra Pradesh Administrative Tribunal - Fresh enquiry conducted - Dropping of further action - Orders - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE - II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 551

Dated: 14-05-2014

Read the following

1. Proceedings of the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, AP, Hyderabad, No. VSI (5)/2515/2007, dated: 2.3.2009.
2. APAT orders, dt: 2.4.2013 in OA.No. 4714/2009 filed by Smt. R. Veenasundari, Tahsildar.
3. From the CCLA, Letter No. VS.IV(3)/ 2515/2007, Dt: 11.7.2013.
4. Govt. Memo No. 17345/Vig. II (2)/2013-1, Dated: 1.8.2013.
5. From the CCLA, Letters No. VS.IV (3)/ 2515/07, dated: 4.3.2014.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, AP, Hyderabad has imposed a punishment of “reduction to lower grade” under rule 9(vii)(b) of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 against Smt. R. Veena Sundari, former Tahsildar, Pinapaka Mandal, Khammam District in a case of issuing release orders (R.Os) of SGRY rice to benami dealer without requisition from the Executing Agency and causing misuse of SGRY rice and based on the inquiry report of the Sub-Collector, Bhadrachalam, dated:8.5.2008.

2. Aggrieved by the above, Smt. R. Veenasundari, Tahsildar approached the A.P. Administrative Tribunal by filing O.A.No.4714/2009. The A.P. Administrative Tribunal in the reference 2nd read above, have set-aside the penalty and remitted back to the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, AP, Hyderabad to conduct fresh enquiry strictly as per APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 within a period of four months by giving an opportunity to the applicant.

3. In the reference 5th read above, the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, AP, Hyderabad has furnished fresh inquiry report of the Joint Collector, Khamamm, dt: 7.2.2014, wherein the Inquiring Authority has held Sri N. Pullaiah, the then Senior Assistant, Pinapaka Mandal (now Retired) submitted note by mentioning that the Asst. Engineer filed requisition for release of rice. The Charged Officer Smt. R. Veena Sundari, Tahsildar relied upon the noting and held that negligence on the part of Charged Officer is proved. With regard to issue of Release Orders to benami dealer, the Inquiring Authority has mentioned that charge is not established. The inquiring authority, keeping in view the depositions of the then Asst. Engineer and then Mandal Revenue Inspector, has held that no pecuniary loss was caused as the rice was properly utilized for which it was allotted.

4. Government have examined the findings of the inquiry authority and observe that the then Senior Assistant Sri N. Pullaih, Pinapaka Mandal (now Retired) was solely responsible for submitting a misleading note to release the rice, without any requisition from the Asst. Engineer and action is not possible against him due to afflux of time under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980. Smt. R. Veena Sundari, Tahsildar was negligent in having relied on such noting. Except the above, there was no other irregularity / pecuniary loss caused in the case as the rice was sent to the concerned FP shops.

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5. Government after careful examination of the matter and by taking a lenient view, hereby drop further action against Smt. R. Veena Sundari, former Tahsildar, Pinapaka Mandal, Khammam District (Retd.), in the case.

6. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration is requested to take necessary further action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S.P. SINGH
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, AP, Hyderabad.
The Collector, Khammam District.
Smt. R. Veena Sundari, Tahsildar (Retd.), Khammam District.
through the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, AP, Hyderabad.
Copy to:
The Accountant General, AP, Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, AP, Hyderabad.
The PS to Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
The Revenue (Ser.III) Department.
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